

October 3, 2021

Ordinary Time

Twenty-seventh Sunday



No Longer Two, But One

This Sunday's Gospel relates Jesus' position on divorce. Jesus suggests that divorce corresponds to a stage of human development marked by the weakness resulting from sin. With his coming, the messianic times, people must resolutely go back to the primordial purity of marriage and to the creator's intention: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."



Flowers for the Altar this weekend, are donated by Denise Greive & Family.

MASS INTENTIONS



Thursday, October 7
4:30 p.m. Victor, Hattie & Jerome Hermis
Saturday, October 9
4:30 p.m. Daniel Pavlicek
Sunday, October 10
8:00 a.m. Emil Lev

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

Holy Communion To The Homebound Resumed

If you are homebound and need to be brought Holy Communion at home, do please contact the Parish Office.

Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Matička Praha



We thank the following for their recent contribution:

*In Memory of Angelita Garcia - \$20
Leticia Garcia, McAllen, TX*

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



Join us at the Praha Hall at 9:00 a.m. for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice and coffee.

This will be our last Praha Pancake Sunday for the year. (November 7 – Veteran's Day Celebration, December 5 – Christmas break). We will start up again on January 2, 2022.

We thank the Praha Altar Society and all the monthly volunteers for their continued dedication to the Pancake Sunday. It offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship among the participants. All proceeds from the free will offerings go to the Altar Society to help them carry out their mission to the church.

On-line Giving: We thank the Praha parishioners and friends of the parish who have been supporting us with their on-line donations. To make an on-line donation to the church visit us on:
<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/donate-assumption-praha>

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy

Next weekend is *The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Blair Tousek.



The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Anastazie & Frank Patalik.

REFLECTION

**Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128 Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16**

Jesus is put to the test by the religious authorities about divorce. In response he takes them back to the foundations of their faith. When questioned, Jesus frequently turns the tables, posing questions to those who ask questions. Here, what begins as a legal question about divorce becomes an issue about all human relationships and responsibilities.

The creation accounts in Genesis provide the setting for Jesus' teaching. The relationship between humanity and God is a fundamental aspect of creation and not merely a social convention regulated by law.

In those days divorce was all too often an irresponsible male action against a woman, it left the wife and children destitute. Divorce was essentially an act of injustice against women. In criticizing divorce, Jesus called into question the current understanding of the marriage union. Jesus said that this union was meant to reflect the permanent union of God and human beings intended from the beginning and not just a social convention that men should cast off at will. Jesus called men to their responsibilities to women and children with their marriages.

God's relationship to creatures is primarily one of faithfulness. The stories of the Bible are so often about this relationship and about the deadly results of breaking faith from God and with one another. To those committed to faithfulness for example in marriage – breaking faith is no small matter. Creation is charged with the presence of God, and as part of creation people are called to responsibility. In Bible terms, this relationship of responsibility is called a covenant, a relationship characterized by love, mercy and forgiveness and by a legal contract.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



October 3 – Jennifer Hutzler
October 5 – Brooke Cerny
October 6 – Samuel MacDonald
October 7 – Oren Moreno
October 8 – Gary Cerny, Georgia Cerny

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4 Praha Upcoming Events

Public Square Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima, October 16, 10 a.m. in front of St. Mary's Church in Praha. Everyone is welcome to join us in praying the rosary.

Annual Meeting October 17 in the School Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Respect Life Sunday is celebrated today. The purpose is to raise consciousness and provide resources on various issues that affect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

We pray for – and renew our resolve to bring about – a culture of life and an end to the killing of innocent human beings, especially those who are vulnerable due to age, size, health or dependency.

The Sacrament of Marriage

The tone is set today with the two familiar readings: Adam and Eve becoming one flesh and Jesus' lesson on the permanence of marriage. No matter when is the anniversary of your wedding, celebrate your sacred togetherness. Make time this week to talk and pray together about where God is leading you in your marriage. Enjoy the affection, romance, and playfulness God has graced you with; and also feed the friendship, cultivate the spiritual companionship, and listen compassionately to each other's hearts, just as Christ is listening and caring for your shared heart.

Diocesan Rosary Congress October 3 – 10. The Congress begins with an opening Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victoria on Oct. 3.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at St. Mary's, Praha

- Before the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Oct. 2nd & Oct. 9th and before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Oct. 3rd & Oct. 10th.
- At the Zdravas Maria Plaza at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 6.

All parishioners are invited and are also encouraged to privately pray the Rosary during the week of Oct. 3rd – 10th.

Mass Count: Bishop Cahill has asked that a Mass count be taken up at every weekend Mass during the months of May and October in all parishes of the diocese. Records indicate that on average 94 (Re: COVID) people attended Mass at St. Mary's on the weekends of October 2020.

Diocese of Victoria Safe Environment New Coordinator of Pastoral Care & Outreach – Shannon Thomas. See below for more information.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

Reporting procedures for suspected or known sexual abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) or vulnerable adult by a member of the clergy

Contact:

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services within 48 hours at 1-800-252-5400, www.txabusehotline.org, or call the local police department. If a person is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1

AND

Shannon Thomas, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, 361-827-7166 or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org

OR

Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria, 361-573-0828. Written allegations can be mailed to: Office of the Bishop, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, marked "Personal and Confidential."

If sexual abuse by a member of the clergy has occurred in another diocese, the Diocese of Victoria will help bring your concerns to church officials. For assistance, contact Shannon Thomas, 361-827-7163, or pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org.